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Public meetings: details on La. coastal restoration plans

Set for May 27 to June 2 in Houma, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS – A milestone has been reached by the multi-agency team studying how to restore Louisiana’s coastal ecosystem.

“The Louisiana Coastal Area study has determined the costs and benefits for each of the 32 localized alternatives that will be brought together in a coast wide restoration plan,” said Troy Constance, the study’s project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The comprehensive study is underway to lead to implementation of a \$14 billion project to restore coastal Louisiana.

Members of the federal- and state-agency team, and other coastal engineers and scientists, will meet with the public across south Louisiana.

“Please come to these public meetings to find out about and discuss the calculated effects of the sub-province alternatives and the process being developed to select a coast wide restoration plan,” Constance said.

Schedule of public meetings

Houma. 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 27
Houma Municipal Auditorium
800 Verret Street
Houma, La. 70360

Lafayette. 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28
Estuarine Habitat and Coastal Fisheries Center
646 Cajundome Boulevard
Lafayette, La. 70373

Lake Charles. 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29
Contraband Room
Lake Charles Civic Center
900 Lakeshore Drive
Lake Charles, La. 70601

New Orleans. 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 2
Lindy Boggs International Conference Center
Research Technology Park of UNO
2045 Lakeshore Drive (end of Elysian Fields Avenue)

Format of public meetings

5:30 to 6:30. Open House.

6:30 to 7:15. Orientation and overview.

7:15 to 7:45. Public questions about process used to combine 32 sub-province alternatives into the final array of coast wide restoration plans.

7:45 to 9:30. Small group interactive, informal discussions about each of the 32 sub-province alternatives.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will present the meetings. The upcoming meetings are part of a continuing series of public meetings on the coastal restoration plans.

Other agencies on the team are the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conversation Service, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Public meetings notice <http://www.coast2050.gov>

La. Coastal Area project page <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/lca>

Department of Natural Resources coastal <http://www.savelawetlands.org/>